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Moran,
I am copying below the excerpt from my meeting memo for Mr. Hoyer so Mr. Barak knows exactly the thrust of the meeting. I will email with the room location at the hotel once I have it.

BARAK MEETING: Barak last served as defense minister under Netanyahu from 2007-2013 and prime minister from 1999-2000. Barak reportedly advocated for striking Iran in 2012, and he has expressed substantial concerns about the Iran deal. Simultaneously, in recent speeches, Barak has taken the current government to task for "falling prey to a victim mentality" and fueling a culture of pessimism and passivity. His views may parallel those of Amos Yadlin, namely that Israel needs to accept the deal as a fait accompli and move on. Debbie Eisenberg's brother, Jack Bendheim, is a close friend of Barak (and mine) and helped arrange this meeting. Questions include:

1. Does Barak subscribe to the Yadlin argument that the deal is done and Israel needs to move on? If so, what steps does he want the US to take to reassure Israel regarding its commitment to combating Iran's regional malevolence?

2. We heard numerous times over the last week frustration that the Administration fails to comprehend Israelis' existential fear of an emboldened Iran. What does Barak think is most misunderstood by American policymakers about the deal and Israel's response?

3. What confidence does Barak have in US military deterrence against Iran?

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